

IN THE CLAIMS

Claims 1 to 71 (previously canceled).

Claims 72-87 (canceled)

88. (Currently amended): The ~~external~~ golf tee-time reservation ~~system~~ apparatus of claim ~~87~~ 109, wherein said user input module comprises a networked based interface.

89. (Currently amended): The ~~external~~ golf tee-time reservation ~~system~~ apparatus of claim 88, wherein said networked based interface is the Internet.

90. (Currently amended): The ~~external~~ golf tee-time reservation ~~system~~ apparatus of claim ~~87~~ 109, wherein said user input module is a terminal that receives said one or more tee-time requests.

91. (Currently amended): The ~~external~~ golf tee-time reservation ~~system~~ apparatus of claim 90, wherein said terminal comprises a graphical user interface.

92. (Currently amended): The ~~external~~ golf tee-time reservation ~~system~~ apparatus of claim 90, wherein said terminal displays information to a user.

Claim 93 (canceled)

94. (Currently amended): The ~~external~~ golf tee-time reservation ~~system~~ apparatus of claim ~~87~~ 109, wherein said interface module comprises one or more computer servers.

95. (Currently amended): The ~~external~~ golf tee-time reservation ~~system~~ apparatus of claim 94, wherein said one or more computer servers is a database server.

96. (Currently amended): The ~~external~~ golf tee-time reservation ~~system~~ apparatus of claim 95, wherein said database server provides information upon request.

97. (Currently amended): The ~~external~~ golf tee-time reservation ~~system~~ apparatus of claim 94, wherein said one or more computer servers is a system service application server.

98. (Currently amended): The ~~external~~ golf tee-time reservation ~~system~~ apparatus of claim 97, wherein said system service application server comprises administrative tools for regulating system resources.

99. (Currently amended): The ~~external~~ golf tee-time reservation ~~system~~ apparatus of claim 97, wherein said system service application server provides administrative reports.

100. (Currently amended): The ~~external~~ golf tee-time reservation ~~system~~ apparatus of claim 94, wherein said one or more computer servers is a network server.

Claim 101 (canceled)

102. (Currently amended): The ~~external~~ golf tee-time reservation ~~system~~ apparatus of claim 94, wherein said one or more computer servers is a customer server.

103. (Currently amended): The ~~external~~ golf tee-time reservation ~~system~~ apparatus of claim 102, wherein said customer server administers said tee-time transactions by sending said tee-time transactions to said one or more computer servers.

104. (Currently amended): The ~~external~~ golf tee-time reservation ~~system~~ apparatus of claim 102, wherein said customer server comprises protocol translation software.

Claim 105 (canceled)

106. (Currently amended): The ~~external~~ golf tee-time reservation ~~system~~ apparatus of claim ~~87~~ 109, wherein said one or more internal golf course reservation systems comprises individualized reservation software for coupling to said ~~external~~ golf tee-time reservation ~~system~~ apparatus.

Claims 107-108 (canceled)

108. (Previously added): The external golf tee-time reservation system of claim 107, wherein said pre-established network is coupled to said user interface module.

109. (New) Golf tee-time reservation apparatus for implementing seamless real time access to a plurality of individual golf course reservation systems at least some of which use different protocols, said apparatus comprising:

a plurality of user input modules distributed throughout a wide geographic area including at sites remote from one another, each user input module having an interface capable of receiving one or more tee-time requests; and

an interface module having a data link with each of said user input modules for processing said tee-time requests as real time transactions, said interface module having a data link connection with each of said golf course reservation systems and being arranged to interface with each different protocol of said golf course reservation systems to effect acceptance of each of said tee-time requests at the golf course reservation systems to which said requests are directed.